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LOK SABHA

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BATTERY OPERATED TELEPHONE
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the block-wise details of battery operated telephone facility in villages of Satna district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether battery operated telephone facility has failed and telephone facility through cable system in place of battery operated telephone facility would be made available in these villages; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to make the battery operated telephones functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Block wise details of Battery operated telephone i.e. Village Public Telephone facility in the villages of Stana District is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Block	MARR VPTs
1	Rampur Baghelan	72
2.	Majhgawan	135
3	Sohwal	148
4	Unchehra	35
5	Maihar	68
6	Amarpatan	74
7	Nagod	111
8	Ramnagar	0
	Total	643

(b) No, Sir. But the fault rate is very high as it is difficult to maintain these systems due to these systems being of old technology. There is a plan to introduce new technology equipments like WLL (rural), C_DOT TDMA PMP to provide better telephone facility in the villages. Moreover as and when new exchanges are opened in villages, these battery operated telephones are proposed to be replaced by underground cable.

(c) Respective suppliers of MARR equipment have been contacted for Annual Maintenance Contract.